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Applicants: Lukas Trosman et al.

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Title: DISTRIBUTED CLUMPING OF PART-LENGTH FUEL RODS FOR A REACTOR FUEL BUNDLE

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §41.33**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 20, 2006 and subsequent to the filing of the Notice of Appeal on May 16, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;**

**Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.**

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